

THE DIRK & CAROL DAMONTE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Dirk and Carol Damonte Scholarship Fund was established in 2009 by Pastor Dirk Damonte, Minister of Music & Worship Arts, and Carol Damonte, Director of Sacred Spaces at the Los Altos United Methodist Church (LAUMC).

Program Objective:

The objective of the Dirk and Carol Damonte Scholarship Program is to support young adult congregation members who are seeking undergraduate and graduate education at UMC institutions and/or in areas of academic study that reflect values strongly held by Pastor Dirk and Carol Damonte.

Scholarship Award:

Scholarship awards shall be made each year through this program to one or more applicants. The award amount will be a minimum of \$2000.00 per award per year. Individual scholarship amounts will be set by the Scholarship Committee in accordance with the maximum total amount available as determined annually by the Gifts & Memorials Committee in consultation with the Director of Finance to ensure preservation of fund principal.

Award Qualifications:

Candidates for this scholarship must be:

- Enrolled as undergraduate or graduate students in a recognized college or university
- Pursuing degree(s) in Music or Religious Studies –and/or– attending a United Methodist-affiliated university or college
- Active members of LAUMC

Application Requirements:

Each candidate must complete and submit a scholarship application and may be required to interview with the Dirk and Carol Damonte Scholarship Committee.

Applications are available May 20, 2024

Applications are due to Carol Damonte June 10, 2024

Announcement of recipient(s) June 18, 2024

Scholarship(s) awarded June 23, 2024, 10:00 am worship

Scholarship Committee:

The Dirk and Carol Damonte Scholarship Committee shall consist of some or all of the following, with a minimum of five members:

- The Director/Minister of Youth Ministries
- The Chairperson of the Gifts & Memorials Committee or delegate
- Two adult leaders involved in the Youth Program, at least one of whom is directly involved with the Senior High Youth Program.
- Two lay members of LAUMC

Committee members will be appointed by the Senior Pastor or Gifts and Memorials with the advisement of the Director/Minister of Youth Ministries and consultation with Carol and Dirk Damonte. Dirk and Carol Damonte may not sit on the Scholarship Committee but may act as resources for the committee. Relatives of applicants may not sit on the committee.

Scholarship Funding:

The Dirk and Carol Damonte Scholarship Fund is resourced through investments and any private donations specifically designated for this specific scholarship fund.

THE DIRK AND CAROL DAMONTE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2024

Each candidate must answer the following questions and submit their completed application to Carol Damonte by **June 10, 2024**. Applications should be submitted electronically to caroldamonte@laumc.org and copied to Margie Gong, Gifts and Memorials. margiegong@sbcglobal.net **No late applications will be accepted.**

The Scholarship Committee will consider the following criteria when selecting scholarship recipients:

- University or college currently attended by the applicant
- Degree(s) the applicant is pursuing
- Applicant's active involvement in areas of ministry at the Los Altos United Methodist Church as a youth/young adult and involvement in religious outreach ministries during college or graduate school
- Applicant's social/community involvement, Christian outreach, mission activities, etc.
- This scholarship is not based on financial need, but the committee may consider other financial aid received by the applicant when weighing all the factors.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS :

- Print and complete this application cover page.
 - Answer the questions below on a separate piece of paper.
 - Email cover page and completed answers to application questions to: Carol Damonte caroldamonte@laumc.org and copy to Margie Gong margiegong@sbcglobal.net by midnight on June 10, 2024
1. What University/College are you attending?
Is it a United Methodist University/College?
 2. What degree(s) are you pursuing? List both major(s) and minor(s).
 3. If you are working toward a degree in music or religious studies, how are you planning to use your degree after you graduate?
 4. Describe your involvement with LAUMC, past and present.
 5. List the ministries, groups, activities, outreach, and/or mission work you have been involved in at LAUMC or elsewhere since entering college/graduate school.